THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) No Sir.

(b) to (d) In the recent past Ms. Kunju Rani, Weight-lifter was found positive for Strychnine (a stimulant) during 2001 Senior Asian Weight-lifting Championship in Korea. So far action against the sports-person is concerned, the concerned National Sports Federation is the competent body to resolve any outstanding issue.

Fine on Cricket Players

2117. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY :
SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU :

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that six Indian cricket players have been fined for breaching the International Cricket Council Code at Port Elizabeth;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) whether Government propose to issue any directions against this kind of unjustified order, keeping in view the dignity of Indian cricketers;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKRISHNAN) : (a) Six players of the Indian Team were penalised by the match referee. Out of six, five were fined.

(b) to (e) The Government considers this matter as an issue between the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) and the International Cricket Council (ICC) to be sorted out by them. The Government does not propose to issue any directions in this regard.

Panels selecting Sports Awards

2118. SHRI R.P. GOENKA : Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state :

(a) the present composition of the panels for selecting sports persons for various categories of Awards, including the Arjuna Awards;